(i) Punjab University, Chandigarh—The Vice-President of India is the Chancellor as the University is functioning as an Inter-State Body Corporate under the Punjab Reorganisation Act, 1966.

(ii) The Telugu University, Hyderabad and the University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada—The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh is the Chancellor of both these Universities.

Codiene phosphate and ephidrine syrup substitute for narcotics

1808. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the fact that a syrup containing codiene phosphate and ephidrine is being consumed as a substitute for narcotics;

(b) whether it is a fact that addiction to this drug is much prevalent amongst school and college students leading to high body risk; and

(c) if so, what preventive measures are proposed to be taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) The attention of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has not been drawn to this matter.

Withdrawal of statement by railway authorities regarding accident at Bombay

1809. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 76 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that following the rail accident near Byculla at Bombay some statements were issued by the railway authorities, blaming the driver for the accident;

(b) whether it is also a fact that this statement was withdrawn by them following a flash strike by the motormen; and

(c) what are the reasons for issuing such hasty statements, without proper enquiries, and withdrawing it subsequently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Participation of voluntary agencies in ICDS

1810. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMEN be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to encourage participation of voluntary agencies in ICDS; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is administered through the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. Instructions have been issued to them at the time of the introduction of the Scheme and thereafter from time to time, that voluntary organisations should be involved, especially in the training of functionaries, for implementation of the Scheme. Recently, detailed guidelines were issued to the State Governments for guidance and adoption.

A majority of the training centres for ICDS anganwadi workers are run by voluntary organisations. In March 1988, the State Governments were advised to consider entrusting such centres with the responsibility of actual running of a certain number of anganwadis in their respective areas.

It is for the State Governments to decide to what extent competent voluntary organisations are available in their areas and how far those organisations can be entrusted with implementation of ICDS projects or parts thereof.

Non-Availability of School Text Books in Tamil Nadu

1811. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Primary and Middle School students in Tamil Nadu are not getthing their Text Books even one month after the reopening of the schools.

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the position is likely to improve?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) (a) to (c) According to the information received from the Government of Tamil Nadu there is no pending difficulty about supply of text books in Tamil Nadu. 444 lakh school textbooks out of a total requirement of 453 lakh textbooks for the academic year 1988-89 have already been distributed in Tamil Nadu by 25th July, 1988.

Inauguration of MGR University

1812. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the inauguration of M.G.R. University was postponed due to sudden demise of Dr. M.G. Ramachandran on 24th December, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the University is likely to be inaugurated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) The Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Tamil Nadu, Act 1987 came into force on 24-9-1987. The Act provided that the first Vice Chancellor and the first Registrar shall be appointed by the State Government within three months from the date of the publication of the Act. However, due to various reasons, including the death of then Chief Minister these appointments could not be made and the University did not become operational by the appointed date.

(c) The date by which the University would become operational is being ascertained from the State Government and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Education Muddle

1813. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an aricle under the caption "Education Muddle" which appeared in "India Today" dated the 30th June, 1988;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the original allocation of Rs. 20,000 crores in the Seventh Five Year Plan period has been slashed to Rs. 6,000 crores;

(c) what is the progress of "operation blackboard scheme" and whether this scheme has received reduced allocation; and